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Faculty strike averted

BY BRIAN BOWMAN

College students across Ontario launched a collective sigh of relief Sept. 10, after faculty quashed the threat of a strike by voting in favour of a new two-year contract.

The deal, which will keep faculty on campus through August 2014, was supported by 90 per cent of the 4,800 Ontario Public Service Employees Union members who turned out to vote.

"I'm relieved these wasn't a strike," said Steve Hurdak, a public relations student at Conestoga College. "I'm so very happy that it would have been really major to have a strike get started week in."

The twenty-four-hour strike which had been negotiating with the College Employer Council since June, presented the new contract on Aug. 28 the same day the union's general meeting required. In the following days, it recommended the 14,000 members support it.

Laura Lee Hurdak, president of OPEIU Local 202, said she was confident before the vote the agreement would be approved.

"Finally want to be in the classroom with their students on a public bus."

It is a decision Desmond Roth, a second-year bus

ness marketing student at Conestoga, appreciates.

"The decision they made shows there's a lot of good teachers on there," he said. "It shows they care about the students more than themselves."

Hurdak and she are glad to have a deal in place, but that's not all a gain.

"I think this is a very big sacrifice," she said of the agreement, "especially for the city in their ongoing step."

One of the conditions of the contract is a two-year pay freeze for all faculty members who have reached the top of the pay grid. This will especially affect employees retiring in the near future, as their pensions are calculated based on their salary during their last five years of work.

Faculty members still may opt to leave the college with compensation, which were about 1.75 per cent under the previous contract.

Conestoga College president John Tibbatts said while he understood the union's point of view, factors such as the provincial deficit and unemployment rate played a major role in the wage freeze.

"They certainly gave up what they considered a reasonable increase," he said. "They're not getting what

they hoped to get, but in the grand scheme of things it's all relative."

"The economy is tough right now and not just in Ontario."

Despite the financial strain, Hurdak and money was not the biggest barrier to a new deal.

Students think all we want is money and that's not true," she said. "It's about quality education."

The biggest hurdle, said Hurdak, was a proposal by the province's 44 colleges to create a new job classification of "facilitator" — a temporary, lower-paying position which would push qualified professors and instructors out of the classroom.

"We want to make sure students get what they deserve and that means having the best possible teachers in the classroom."

While the colleges eventually withdrew the facilitator proposal, Hurdak said there were other concessions they did not make. They rejected the union's request to reduce the probation period for new employees from two years to one, as well as three proposals to increase wages for employees with Ph.D.s. Faculty benefits will also remain unchanged.

Despite the two sides' differences, Tibbatts stressed the



PHOTO BY BRIAN BOWMAN

Steve Roberts, a broadcast television professor at Conestoga College, casts his vote at OPEU campaign Sept. 10.

importance of a strike vote for the sake of the students.

"I'm happy for the students and the institution and I respect what the faculty has done here," said Tibbatts, acknowledging that the union made concessions

for the greater good of the student body.

"At the end of the day, I think we've all been to provide a quality education for the students. It's a lot easier to do that if we're actually open."



PHOTO BY JESSICA HENDERSON

Laura Hurdak (left) and Robin Hurdak (right) who are a married pair-time in between through the College Cooperative Recreation Program, built for anniversary at the Fresh Carnival in Sept. 5.

Carnival kicks off fun at Conestoga

BY JESSICA HENDERSON

After a rainy first day at Conestoga College, the clouds parted to show some much needed sun on the Sept. 5 Fresh Carnival at Deon campus.

The great weather wasn't the only incentive students had to join in on the fun. Fresh food samples, the sounds of DJ Flash and the opportunity to run wild through an inflatable obstacle course all played a key role.

The event, which took place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is the first of the day, was held by Conestoga Students for OPEU and is part one of the many new events OPEU hopes to bring to students this year.

Students have come to expect the tradition of a party at the

school's end each year but OPEU's newest program and maintenance co-ordinator, Brady Deha, thought it was time for a change. The first change improving the past party.

"Last year we ran our concert on the same day as BOC Blast Festival a huge first with over 100 bands. It thought who compete with those when we can part work with them?" said Deha.

Deha worked with the festival this year to help Conestoga College become one of the main sponsors, which resulted in students getting their own space for the festival. Deha has said her current positive, with OPEU since January and has been a student at the college for five years, studying both recreation and leisure services, and business administration

management studies. He said those years gave her time to figure out what other changes were needed.

"Over the summer I basically put out a list to chat with students and see what they wanted, and what I kept hearing was 'more fun, more free stuff and more free food,'" said Deha, smiling while OPEU delivered.

The list came in the form of inflatable obstacle course on gladiator jousting, on obstacle course, a basketball ball on fire and an inflatable rock wall.

James Fawcett and Taylor Harrington, third-year art and design students, moved aside to the summit of an Easter Island-themed rock wall, a challenge that was harder than it looked.

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Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

**What animal is most similar
to your personality and why?**



"An eagle because
it is considered
a smart animal."

Craig Vassilina,
third-year
graphic design



"A tiger because I am
wild."

Santa Kharov,
second-year, business
information management



"A lion because I am
strongest and protect
people when I have to."

Josh Brinkman,
first-year
political science and
investigation



"A wolf because I am
proud of people or
close."

Michelle Russell,
first-year
business administration-
marketing



"An elephant because I am
afraid of mice!"

Phuong-Anh Tran,
second-year
nursing student



"A lion because I am loyal."

Taylor S'Wells,
second-year
nursing student



Get Involved Fair connects students and community

Event takes place Wednesday, Thursday

BY ARLINE HENLEY

Getting involved can be stressful for many reasons. It can be difficult to decide what you want to get involved in and how much spare time you can devote to the cause. However, fortunately for students, the Get Involved Fair is here to help.

The festival will be held at Doss campus this Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, the fair will be dedicated strictly to on-campus services and clubs such as the Student Life department and Respect Campaign, the marketing department, the Post-University Student Initiative, Right to Play and more.

On Thursday, the day is dedicated to off-campus services and organizations. There will be approximately 50 organizations including Kinko's, the Canadian Medical Health Association, the Red Cross, Big Brothers and Newton's for Learning.

The Get Involved Fair is considered a tradition.

"When the Student Life department first opened in late 2006 it was one of our first events. It helped us wrap up the experience of volunteering because that's one thing we are really about. We want to connect students to meaningful opportunities to get involved on campus and out in the community," said Ryan Connell, event planner.

The fair used to be held once a year, but in the last couple of years it has gotten so popular it is now held twice a year. Connell said so many organizations find such great value and success in the fair that must come back year after year. He added that the fair is always a huge hit with students and vendors alike.

"We know it's been a success because we often get so many organizations that return each year and they see that Conestoga College is one of the best ways to connect volunteers for their organizations," he said.

When students graduate from Conestoga College or any other post-secondary institution and start looking for a career in their field everyone is applying for these jobs at the same time.

The challenge comes when the person going through all



PHOTO BY ARLINE HENLEY

Get Involved Fair planner Ryan Connell, from the Student Life department, holds up one of many posters promoting the fair.

these resumes keeps seeing the same thing over and over. Each resume will have the same post-secondary experience which is the best education and learned for any position.

The question is, "How can I stand out?"

The answer is volunteering. With everyone having the same experience, the person looking over the resumes will be looking for additional events for the job.

"It's a chance for students to put themselves above and beyond," said Connell.

By getting involved, you can develop great leadership skills, interpersonal skills and teamwork skills.

So by going to the Get Involved Fair and getting some information on organizations that interest you, you are giving yourself the chance to build experience, self-esteem, self-confidence and your resume.

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Classes remain in session

BY STEPHAN LUDWIG

It's been a week, since college professors cast their ballots in favour of a new two year contract hammered out by their bargaining team and the College Employees Council. The terms, which included a wage freeze for two years, may not be fair to everyone, but they are in keeping with the tough economic climate.

According to the CFEA's bargaining team the terms outlined in the new contract were considered by the union as the ones placed on the table in February 2005 (is this the threat of a strike?)

It seems that every couple of years, teachers are required by their union to do what improvements are needed to the contract, including pay increases, job security and intellectual property rights. To show they are serious, a strike is threatened. This time around however, the two sides reached an agreement without a strike vote being held.

That has to do with the Ontario Liberal's introduction Bill 115, more commonly known as the Pottery Strikers' First Act, to prevent high school and college teachers from striking and receiving money. The bargaining team supported that college teachers would be next in line.

Of course, students are glad that the professors voted to accept the proposed contract. We all saw the disruption caused last year when the support staff went on strike. However, maybe we worried for nothing. About a month ago the teachers' union said there would be no disruptions. They said they would stay in the classroom while they continued their fight. High school teachers also said they would still teach while talks continued.

Former Dalton McGuinty wanted to ensure that happened. In a CBC interview on Aug. 23, he said, "This is a lot better than any one hypothesis. It is better than million students and 125,000 teachers."

A strike would have cost students extra money and forced them to miss a semester's worth of information only their heads as a source provide of time.

This term around (2006/07) professor Warren (Shawyer) Thomas decided to take a stand with students instead of against them. Finally followed up, voting 89 per cent in favour of a new contract. Thankfully, we shouldn't see a strike threat for at least another two years.

The union leaders expressed the position of the teachers pay and not necessarily the students.

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The difference between American and Canadian elections

Parents are making kids wimps

It's a shame that children don't have adventures because they are all born in a glass jar. It is almost impossible to have a childhood full of adventure and imagination these days, and we keep making it worse.

I believe that kids these days are a bunch of wimps. Parents are so fearful of their child getting injured that it makes it impossible to really be a kid.

For example in November 2011 a Toronto elementary school banned the use of hand balls for awhile because someone got a concussion after being hit on the head.

Are you kidding me? I don't even have to guess at what they plan on last year next. It's child balls on the ground and wimps has been, we are going to ban the ground too?

Parents are also afraid to just let their kids go outside and play. There is a huge worry that someone might watch their child. What are we so afraid of now that we weren't 50 years ago? It's not like kindergarten is a new thing, it's been going on for centuries, we are just more



Mark Fitzgerald
Optician

worried about it now.

Where are all the kids playing in the streets and at the parks? What happened to the golden rule of "be home before the street lights come on"? Let kids be kids.

If you are looking to preserve your children as most confident, why don't you just wrap them in bubble wrap and keep them at home all day? Technology can be a great thing, but for kids, it's still just a thing.

The Internet has spawned a whole generation of kids who have no desire to go outside at all. The Internet provides them with endless distractions until their mind has become numb. When parents can be just as bad as the Internet. Parents don't come to work.

There will soon be a day when we no longer see Lego or dolls in stores because

there will be no need for them. Instead, kids will be looking and playing on their iPad. What a tragedy.

I will never understand why a 10 year old would ever need a cellphone, but I still see them everywhere. I believe that kids probably spend so much time, if not more time communicating through texts than they do time to time with other kids.

Kids are wimps and we are making them that way. We don't let them go outside as kids any more because they are afraid to be kidnapped. When they do go outside we take away their toys and tell them that they are too dangerous. Keeping them inside is even worse because we just keep them occupied with technology and entertainment.

If you have kids or younger siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, please let the kids go outside. If they don't go, force them. Make them think it's time and get them. Go out and play a game of Red Rover and maybe they will get a bruise or two.

Kids are not made of glass so stop treating them that way.

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'Be accepted, be welcomed and be who you are'

BY ALLAN ROSE PERRYMAN

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on last Friday 80 Conestoga College students are sitting, round-table style, laughing and getting to know one another. They come from different backgrounds, some like country culture really into it, yet they are all brought together by a common event, Student Life's GLBTQ Welcome Night. GLBTQ is an acronym for gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, gendered and queer or trans living.

A yearly event, partnered with Conestoga's Gay Straight Alliance, the Welcome Night is the first month of Student Life programming and Conestoga graduate Ryan Connell, who started it three years ago.

"We're in the Student Life department we really use this as a great opportunity for students who identify as GLBT to stand and be able to transition into the (Conestoga) community," Connell said.

Held on Sept. 11, the Welcome Night covered an open and safe place for students who identify as GLBTQ and their straight friends. It was a chance for students who felt unsafe to gather, feel accepted and make friends, a support for the students who sometimes feel alone.

Although they may all look different — different random hair, long and graying hair, men and women — they share a commonality that while not



PHOTO BY ALLAN ROSE PERRYMAN

Students and allies, from left to right: Jordan Welch, Jordan Black, Jordan Orrer and Nick Schepke, gather for Student Life's GLBTQ Welcome Night at Conestoga's Deen campus, Sept. 11.

defining in itself, plays an important part in their lives and, perhaps, their success at Conestoga.

"There are a lot of different areas that may mean that can prevent them from succeeding," Connell said. "For many students right now, going into college or university is also the time when maybe they're coming out for the first time. (Or) they haven't been in an environment, which they feel safe or comfortable, they can Conestoga is an amazing place to finally do that and show themselves."

The college is, even in the toughest day-and-age, at its compassionate heart for GLBTQ students to be at ease. Even if out-right hate is a thing of the

past, the water used grows, little things like "that's so gay" to describe something unpleasant can hurt.

Connell is a third-year pre-med nursing student. Twelve lucky experiences at Conestoga led him to "Gay straight, it doesn't matter. Everyone here is accepting. I feel accepted to be who I am."

The Welcome Night, with its welcoming parties, free pizza and good atmosphere and student make the students feel at home and at ease. It also gives the students access to the services provided by those on campus. Things such as GLBTQ friendly sexual health, security services and a gender-neutral washroom located near the Secondary at B4101E.

However, Connell was proud to announce that this year the event was less about needing those services, and more about connecting.

Ashley Welch, a Conestoga graduate planning to study recreation and leisure services, agreed. "All I see now is shared joy in the halls," she said. Connell was also surprised. "We have so much diversity here on the campus, and we are so accepting community for all students. This is a place at Conestoga College, where you can be accepted, be welcomed and be who you are."

For more information about the GLBTQ club go to www.conestoga.ca/studentlife/club/



PHOTO BY JANE NISHIKUBO

Lily Choi-Santora (left) and Jane Nishikubo off some fresh produce they planted at the Conestoga College community garden, located at the Cambridge campus, on Sept. 5.

College garden thrives

BY STEVE GOODMAN

Volunteering

When looking at the Conestoga College community garden located at the Conestoga Cambridge campus, it's easy to tell that the group's first year was a smashing success.

The garden is thriving with hundreds of vegetables hanging from the not-so-common supplier and hot peppers to fall staples such as corn and squash.

This garden was planted on the May 21 weekend with vegetables that usually grow well in this area.

About six staff members and four dedicated students helped maintain the 11, 80-foot beds over the summer, with inputs of thousands of fresh produce being picked and donated to the Welton Region Food Bank and Conestoga's environmental coordinator, Jane

Volunteering. "We grew to the point high because they are able to take anything and produce it on site. We have grown about 40 pounds worth of produce this year and will be able to give more by the end of the season," she said.

After seeing the fruits of their labour it's hard to believe that the community garden was nothing more than a transforming vision and dreams in January 2011. "I have a thing for food banks, and I thought, well, we have the culinary centre and we have food processing, plus the campus I work for, Conestoga, even Charlotte which is Conestoga's food service and they try to promote food, food as possible," she said.

Of course the labour of those combined does not go unrewarded. Volunteers are allowed to take whatever vegetables they want, as long as it is trucked on a lot.

Over the next year, it fully blossomed and brought in for the first time the planning for next year will begin. The group has been collecting information on the garden throughout the year and giving it to students in a Conestoga business management program. There are plans to develop a tracking database so that by the end of the season the producers can determine whether or not their plot garden was efficient and successful. One plan to complete the group will start organizing new meetings and start to develop a book strategy for next season.

Planning for next year's garden will begin in mid-October and they hope to be planting next year's crops in May.

Those looking to get involved with the garden for next year can look up the group on Facebook under Conestoga, or go to talk with Volunteering at volunteering.conestoga.ca

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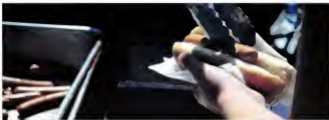
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"It was really hard to get a grip and my feet and my hands kept slipping."

"You kept looking up and looking down, but you had to look and see where the rocks were so you could coordinate your steps," said Pappito, who came out on top.

Though rock climbing participants wore a harness, an element of fear was still at play.

"Every time you slipped you'd feel like you were just going to fall the whole way down," said Pappito.

Free merchandise was provided by vendors Champion, Banana, Next, Trippa Mio, Spidebush and Arm & Hammer, who each brought samples geared toward students. Students could order contents or play a game to win prizes at each of the vendors.

OSU served up the free food for the day. Hotdogs, soft drinks and about 1,500 beer burgers were on the menu for the event, but it wasn't just OSU staff that made the event possible.

"We had one OSU team there but throughout the day I had

PHOTOS BY JESSICA REEDER

students come up to me and say 'babe, this is awesome, do you want me to put your hand behind and help you guys hand out paper?' Baba said, adding that they really have guided the event all without those students.

Some vendors meant the only way to have all the free stuff was to have all the free stuff. For the first week back, other Gonzaga competitors slashed out free food such as pizza and hot games available to students on-site. So what can students expect

from OSU for the rest of the school year?

Regularly scheduled events will include 10 beer, notably named "Secretary Beer," available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Secretary bar 2010 F (Thank Gonzaga for Thursday) will be a weekly free steam giveaway to help students get through the week, an event that OSU will also use to help bring awareness to some of the services they offer.

Major events that were popular with students in previous years such as November's

Member Stu's Bash and the X-rated hypnosis will be returning this year.

"In the end I would love every student to at least come out to one event," said Baba.

Though the events this year will come in many sizes, Baba takes much care to ensure to ensure she delivers the best experiences to students.

"To me, I think any of the events where you have the same feeling that a success, thank you so much, to me, those are the best events no matter how big or small they are."



Reeling back towards captivity that when it comes with it increasing speeds. Logan Crawford tries his out the hard way at the Fresh Carnival on Sept. 8.



Students line up to receive a free bottle of water flavored with a squirt of Mio Water Enhancer at the carnival.



Lightning McQueen is top of victory after defeating fellow jumper Laura Mink, both who are enrolled part-time in courses through the College Co-operative Education Program.



Karina Singh crosses the bull when a boss before the ladies begin.



Marionette Mink, a practical nursing student, slides her way to victory on the inflatable obstacle course.



Haggie Turner (left) and Erin Acker, second-year early childhood education students, push their way through the barriers of the inflatable obstacle course.



A little "friendly competition" is welcomed by Tyler Harrington (left) and James Plunkett, third-year marketing students, who battled it out on the inflatable rock wall.



Erin Acker bounces into the finish line of the obstacle course.

Learning just became more virtual

BY JENNIFER WILSON

It's been just 3-5 years, but Conestoga's Learning Commons will celebrate its new virtual services and other changes on Sept. 5.

Staff, student leaders, interns and many others gathered this day to reveal the new improvements at the grand reopening. After six months, renovations to create an open and collaborative space are finished, a virtual learning experience has launched and celebrating at the service is complete.

Learning Commons manager, Rebecca Layton, first opened the event with a speech to welcome the changes, talk of about what the Learning Commons is all about and thanked those who made it all possible. Conestoga President John Tobin also spoke at the event.

"The success of your staff is something to behold. Everyone here, I can tell it, you believe in what you're doing," Tobin said.

Layton then looked at the crowd, responding to an opportunity to make announcements about the department, its services and what it can help. She said she couldn't wait to see the benefit of students and not just those who are having difficulty or struggling.

"We really wanted to redefine our services," she said. Layton then said she doesn't find recruiting professionals and student leaders hard but does find it challenging to keep people informed about the Learning Commons and serving all four campuses.

The department originated in 2008 and began offering a variety of services.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER WILSON

Julia (far left to right), Learning Commons assistant, Brenda Lightfoot, Learning Commons manager, and junior Barbara, student life programmer, stop for a piece of cake at the grand reopening of the Learning Commons.

Students meet one on one with staff members who are available in their fields or student leaders who are successful in their programs. They are used to help students grow and succeed academically and in life.

The services available are learning skills, peer tutoring, peer supported learning groups, English conversation partners and math and writing help. Bachelor of Business student Matt Davis is one of the youth leaders and enjoys working with the stu-

dents to improve their skills. "If they're able to understand it makes me happy because I was able to teach them something," Davis said. "Learning Commons consultant Michele Brannon-Blandman came up with the idea to create a new way for the Learning Commons to offer its services in 2011. The Virtual Learning Commons was created so students can get the help they need at all hours of the day and now they can do just that."

"We want students to be

able to access our resources and help wherever, anytime," Layton said.

Computer applications development, student and web developer intern Paul Brannstrom spent 421 hours between May and August helping create the Virtual Learning Commons. Brannstrom said the virtual aspect will allow students to get information faster. He also believes that the Learning Commons is beneficial to everyone.

"We know we can do better

at something we're already good at and with the Learning Commons, we can improve even further," Brannstrom said.

The Virtual Learning Commons will be launching in phases to ensure it runs properly. The Learning Commons staff is looking for people to test the features and give feedback on how they work. They will be recruiting volunteers to be part of the first testing group at the first Involved Fair from Sept. 18-20 at the college.

Aboriginal Services receives a generous gift

BY SARA HANCOX



PHOTO BY SARA HANCOX

Wayne of Aboriginal Services Myerburg Party shared off some activities and traditions in his office, located inside the Aboriginal Services Centre at the college.

A very unconventional surprise was presented to the Aboriginal Services Centre during a traditional ceremony held this past May.

During Moore's welcoming ceremony presented, Brian Brannon presented Conestoga president John Tobin and Aboriginal Services manager Myerburg Harty with a \$100,000 donation to support Aboriginal programming at Conestoga.

The donation was presented during a totem pole raising celebration hosted by Aboriginal Services at Conestoga's three campus. Students and other members of the Aboriginal community who attended the

the totem pole, and then were treated to celebratory dancing, singing and traditional food such as corn soup and bannocks.

Harty said the donation stemmed from a speech that Liberal Leader Bob Rae gave at Conestoga last year during which he talked about a lack of funding for the Aboriginal Services department. The Waterloo Region Board ran a story on Rae's speech which was read by Ray Tongue, the chairperson of People's Council. He came to visit the school and one month later, the company gave a donation to Aboriginal Services.

The donation will be used to create and retain students as well as upgrade the Aboriginal

student centre to accommodate the growing population, which recently surpassed 500 students. Additionally, a portion of the donation will be used to fund the annual powwow in February, which would not have been held otherwise.

The Aboriginal Services Centre is planning to fund year at Conestoga Services including lessons on how to make drum caribou, free lunches every Wednesday and Aboriginal teachings are open to anyone who is interested. Since the ceremony in May, the totem pole has been taken down so a "Welcome Back Togetherness Ceremony" can be held on Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Woodworking Centre.

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Predators kick off their second season

BY WHITNEY BAKER

As the Twin Cities Predators head into their second season with the Canadian Junior Football League, the team continues to work toward establishing their identity and growing into a team to be reckoned with.

The Predators are one of 20 teams that make up the CJFL, a league which gives these players ages 18-24 the chance to continue to compete even if they have chosen a path other than university. This creates an opportunity for players who have decided to attend community college or enter the workforce straight out of high school to continue their football careers. University students can also choose to play in the CJFL, which usually means more playing time.

First-year Conestoga athlete Trent Holder is also starting his first year as a defensive lineman for the Predators.

"The team is great," he said. "We're not a big team, but we're a really close knit group of guys. There's a lot of camaraderie between us."

A former health career student, Holder said attending his school and playing football will be an experience that will prepare him for the future.

"Noted as extremely fast and football oriented, but it's all about balance. But there's

been talk as you have to feel upon everything you do."

Brian Jones is a receiver for the Predators and is also starting his first year in police administration at Conestoga College.

"I am playing football," he said. "It's just fun to come out and play."

Head coach Tom Annett has been coaching football for 20 years at both the high school and university level and was the head coach for Wilfrid Laurier University from 2004-2009. This is his first year with the Predators.

Annett said he's looking forward to seeing his players learn to work together and grow as a team.

"We have a very good defense and as the defense we consider as exceptional," he said. "We have a good kicking game and we have a lot of yards and enthusiasm."

As with any football program, Annett said the team has opportunities to improve the depth and skill level of all the players.

"That's our big thing to really establish ourselves as a program and find an identity for ourselves."

The CJFL is also another venue and opportunity for players to be drafted by the Canadian Football League. Annett said each CFL team is



Holder at Western Point, Brantford Park, in Waterloo, Sept. 22.

The Twin Cities Predators faced off against the Hamilton Mustangs at University Stadium, Maple.

limited in terms of how many university players they can draft, however, they are not limited as to how many of the CJFL players they can bring in during camp.

This gives players such as

Holder and Jones another route to professional football other than the university draft.

The Predators face the Ottawa Renegades, Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at

University Stadium in Mississauga.

For more information on the Twin Cities Predators, including their game schedule and ticket prices, visit www.predfootball.ca.

On behalf of the Student Life Department, we would like to extend a sincere Thank You to our Fall 2012 volunteer Orientation Leaders.

We have had the privilege of working with these dedicated volunteers during Orientation week and witnessed a great number of examples of student leadership in action.

Orientation Leaders were answering questions at the Information Desks, entertaining people standing in line-ups, listening to concerned parents, and most of all, keeping an enthusiastic attitude no matter how tired they were.

Each Orientation Leader brought their own unique skill set and experiences to Orientation which ultimately enhanced the Orientation experience for our new Conestoga members.

So again, Thank You so very much! You are leaders in our Conestoga Community!

Sincerely,

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